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SUBJECT: NPW OPERATIONS AT LA MADDALENA

REF: A. ROME 12147, B. U.S. NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT
NT-74-1 OF APRIL 1974, C. STATE 185500

1. AS REQUESTED (REF A) WE ARE POUCHING SEPARATELY COPIES

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OF REFERENCES LISTED IN REF B. COPIES OF THE EARLIER ANNUAL
U.S. NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS ARE NOT INCLUDED SINCE CUR-

RENT REPORT COVERS FIVE YEAR PERIOD. WE ARE ALSO POUCHING EXCERPTS FROM ADM RICKOVER'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY WHEN THE SUBJECT OF THE NAVY'S PERFORMANCE IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT WAS DISCUSSED.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING GOI WITH ADDITIONAL US MONITORING REPORTS, THERE ARE NO QUARTERLY REPORTS CURRENTLY PREPARED. THE ANNUAL LA MADDALENA REPORT IS BASED ON CUMULATIVE DATA-TAKEN APPROXIMATELY EVERY THREE MONTHS. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO AVOID PRECEDENT OF ISSUING FORMAL QUARTERLY REPORTS TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

3. WE ARE PREPARED TO ADVISE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN WRITING OF THE RESULTS OF OUR SAMPLING AFTER THEY BECOME

AVAILABLE. PROPOSED APPROACH FOR THIS NOTIFICATION WOULD BE A NOTE FROM CHMAAG TO ITN ADVISING THAT RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT U.S. SURVEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS RESULTS PROVIDED TO GOI AND CONFIRM THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE IN THE GENERAL BACKGROUND RADIOACTIVITY OF THE LA MADDALENA HARBOR ENVIRONMENT AS A RESULT OF U.S. NPW OPERATIONS.

4. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO COMMUNICATE THE ABOVE POINTS TO THE MFA. HOWEVER, CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID COMMITTING THE US TO A SPECIFIC TIME TABLE FOR THESE COMMUNICATIONS, SINCE THE TIMING OF SAMPLING AND SUBSEQUENT ANALYSIS IS SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF VARIABLES.

5. SINCE WE ARE UNABLE TO BE COMPLETELY RESPONSIVE TO THE MOH'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (PARA 2, REF C), WE FEEL IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE TO PROPOSE BRIEFINGS BY A USN REPRESENTATIVE WHO COULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING IN RESPONSE TO MANY QUESTIONS LIKELY TO BE ASKED. EMBASSY THEREFORE SHOULD NOT MAKE SUCH AN OFFER. KISSINGER

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